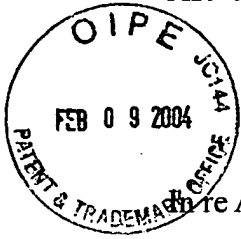


AT9-98-544

PATENT

- 1 -



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:  
Balam Sinharoy

Before the Examiner:  
William Wood

Serial No.: 09/435,070

Group Art Unit: 2152

Filed: November 4, 1999

Title: CIRCUITS, SYSTEMS AND  
METHODS FOR PERFORMING  
BRANCH PREDICTIONS BY  
SELECTIVELY ACCESSING BIMODAL  
AND FETCH-BASED BRANCH HISTORY  
TABLES

IBM Corp.  
Intellectual Property Law  
11400 Burnet Road  
Austin, Texas 78758

**THIRD REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

RECEIVED

FEB 11 2004

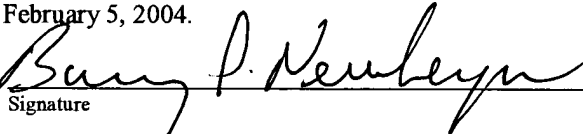
Technology Center 2100

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of November 5, 2003 (Paper No. 11), with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 5, 2004, please reconsider the rejection in view of the following remarks:

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on February 5, 2004.

  
Signature

Barry S. Newberger

(Printed name of person certifying)

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper; and

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this Paper.